

WILSON TELLS U.S. ATTITUDE IN WORLD WAR

Won't Infringe on Territory or Independence of Any Nation

DEMANDS LIKE PLEDGES

Statements in Letter Designed to Combat German Propaganda in South America

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The United States "will in no case be dependent on either the political independence or the territorial integrity of any other State or nation," declared President Wilson in a letter made public today with his consent.

"At the same time," he continued, "we are proposing and insisting upon similar pledges from all the nations of the world who have their peace at heart and are willing to bind themselves to the maintenance of that peace."

The letter was addressed to Roy W. Howard, president of the United Press, on the eve of his departure for South America. It was in reply to a letter in which Howard called attention to the widespread efforts to make the world safe for democracy.

It is the President's opinion that the German propagandist in South America has been exhausted in his efforts to make the world safe for democracy. He has shown that slowly but surely a clear understanding of the true attitude and purposes of the United States is becoming general in the southern republics.

The President's letter in full follows: "The White House, Washington, Jan. 16, 1918. My Dear Howard: I thank you for your letter of the 12th."

I do not know what reply to make to the first question your letter propounds. Certainly I never had anything in mind in regard to co-operation among neutrals which would be injurious to the interests of the United States. My thought was only to unite the opinion of the world so far as I could in protest against the flagrant violations of right and of international justice which had been committed. At no stage of this distressing war have I ever entertained the slightest idea of making any combination for the special benefit of the United States. My thought has been merely the establishment of international justice and humaneness, and the safeguarding of universal interests.

With regard to the question whether the war and the participation of the United States in it are necessary to strengthen the common bond between the democracies of the Western Hemisphere, I am sure that you are right. It has, I think that thoughtful men in all the democracies of that hemisphere are beginning to see the reality and character of the United States. She is offering in every proposal that she makes a new and better way of associating themselves for the maintenance of that peace. The very strength of her appeal in this direction comes from the fact that she is willing to bind herself and give pledges of the utmost solemnity for her own good faith and disinterestedness.

Woodrow Wilson. The letter probably significant at this time because it is known that for several months the Government has been cognizant of the insidious efforts of the German agents in South America. The German maintained an effective organization throughout the continent, which for a long time the United States had no effective means of combating.

Back the President, Says Bryan. WASHINGTON, Del., Jan. 29.—"We should stand back of the President and the Government and give them our support," declared William Jennings Bryan in a long speech on the war in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church last night.

14 STEAMBOATS SWEEP AWAY BY ICE ON OHIO

Great Gorge Catches Ships, Dashing Them to Ruin at Paducah, Ky.

PADUCAH, Ky., Jan. 29.—Fourteen steamboats were swept down the Ohio River today when huge ice forces above Paducah broke and the fields of ice caught the vessels and tore them from their moorings.

Many of the boats swept past this city in the grasp of ice floes from Metropolis, Ill., say that the boats passed there in bad shape. Two of them were reported jammed in the ice and standing on edge.

Among the boats swept away were the "Cumberland" and "Tennessee" River line. The "Cumberland" was a tugboat and the "Tennessee" was a steamer.

TOWN IN AUSTRALIA WIPED OUT BY STORM. Heavy Loss of Life Reported in Mackay—Torrential Downpour in Rhodesia

LONDON, Jan. 28.—The town of Mackay, Queensland, Australia, has been submerged and it is feared the loss of life there has been very great. This report was received by wireless from Rhodesia.

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Forty Lost on Freighter. French Vessel Sunk Within Sight of Marseilles

PARIS, Jan. 29.—In the sinking of the French freighter Drome and the trawler Kerblan, which struck mines January 23 within sight of Marseilles, forty lives were lost. The Drome first came into contact with a mine, and the Kerblan shortly afterward struck another.

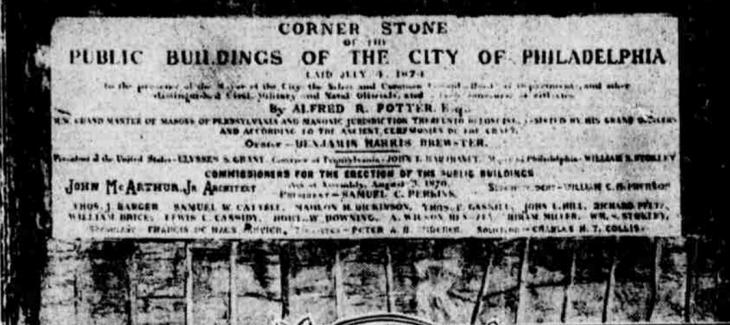
Available shipping records do not contain a steamer of the name of Drome. There is, however, a vessel of 3236 tons named La Drome. This vessel was built in Newcastle in 1909 and is owned by the French line.

Kaiser Leads as Slayer. Foremost Exterminator of Human Life and Game

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Advices reaching the United States Forest Service show that Emperor William of Germany up to 1908 had killed 61,739 pieces of game.

LAST SURVIVOR WITH NAME ON THIS STONE BURIED

CORNER STONE PUBLIC BUILDINGS OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA



There were twenty-three names on the cornerstone of City Hall when it was laid in 1874. The last living member of the group, Richard Peltz, whose picture is shown above, died at his home, 3701 Baring street, last Saturday. His funeral will be held today.

RAIDERS BOMB LONDON THREE

Two Aircraft Attacks on British Capital Within Four Hours

ONE PLANE SHOT DOWN. GENEVA, Jan. 29.—The headquarters of the German Crown Prince at Theves has been bombed by British airmen, according to information received here today.

German aircraft bombed London today for the second time within four hours. The raiding planes were savagely attacked by British airmen and by high angle batteries, and one of the machines in the first attacking squadron was shot down in Essex while trying to make its way to London.

Richard Peltz, last survivor of the sponsors of City Hall, will be buried this afternoon after funeral services at his home, 3701 Baring street, where he died Saturday. He was eighty-five years old.

As a member of the municipal building committee, Mr. Peltz took part in the cornerstone-laying exercises at City Hall, July 4, 1874. Born in Passyunk township, July 11, 1832, he was a life-long Republican. He began his public career in 1854, when he was appointed a clerk in the tax office.

Williamsport Hospital Burned. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 29.—The Williamsport Private Hospital, one of the largest institutions in the north, was destroyed by fire yesterday. All of the patients were rescued. The loss is \$26,000.

PROBERS DIP INTO ARMY AIR PLANS. Baker's Statement Checks Agitation to Reorganize War Government

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But his lack of information on some details and suspicions held by the committee of inaccuracies in others led to a resumption of the military probe today with the aviation service as an objective.

QUICK NEWS

THREE HUNS MEET DEATH IN RAIDING PLANE

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Viscount French reported at noon today that one of the enemy airplanes attempting to raid London was shot down and its three occupants were burned to death.

SUMMER'S COMING; 200,000 TONS OF ICE READY. Here's something to look forward to for the hot days of next summer. To meet the threatening shortage of materials for making artificial ice, farmers along the Perkiomen creek have cut and stored away nearly 200,000 tons of ice in a record-breaking winter harvest along that stream.

POTTER TO SEIZE COAL IN CRISIS. Drastic Measures Are Contemplated by State Fuel Administrator

300 LOADS SEIZED. Action to relieve the acute domestic coal shortage in Philadelphia—action independent of the national fuel administration—was taken today by Fuel Administrator William Potter.

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COAL LESS WINTER RIVALS WAR LOSS

Weather and Lack of Fuel Increase City's Pneumonia Mortality

NATION'S HEALTH WANES. Physicians Told That Winning of World Conflict Depends on Home Sanitation

Lack of fuel and the weather form a combination responsible in part for Philadelphia's increased mortality, declared Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director of Public Health and Charities, today, addressing a meeting of the Civic Club, held at the Art Alliance Building.

Pneumonia and diphtheria show an increase in Philadelphia, as arresting a casualty lists sent back from the battlefields, was another statement voiced by a physician-speaker in a review of conditions unfavorable to health brought about by the active part played by Philadelphia in the war.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 29.—The strike menace again loomed high today in the general political and industrial unrest in Germany.

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